

October 2010



TOMCAT NEWS

A word from the.... Commanding Officer

Tomcats and families,

The fall weather is here and the temperatures have finally gone down a bit. Hopefully all of you will be able to take some time off to enjoy the weather with family and friends. As usual, we've been busy

here at the squadron, as has our detachment out on the 15th MEU. In addition to normal flight operations and training this month, we supported the MCAS Miramar and the Little Rock airshow demonstrations. We also had a motivated squadron formation run, followed by a hard-fought paintball tournament. Congratulations to the JOPA team (Junior Officer Protection Association) who won the tournament, but we could've used an instant replay to review some of the calls during the championship game -- it was close.

As we get ready for the holiday season, I ask all of you to plan ahead and to take full advantage of the time off. For those of you who are staying around Yuma and do not have family in the local area, there are lots of programs and events you can sign up for to make the holidays more memorable. Be sure to see the Family Readiness Officer for some great ideas.

November 10th is the Marine Corps' 235th birthday. I look forward to seeing you at the Hilton Garden Inn for our birthday ball to celebrate the founding of our Corps.

Proud to be a Tomcat,

LtCol Gough



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A word from the.... Sergeant Major

Tomcats,

The 14 leadership traits are qualities of thought and action which, if demonstrated in daily activities, help Marines earn the respect, confidence, and loyal cooperation of other Marines. It is extremely important that you understand the meaning of each leadership trait and how to develop it, so you know what goals to set as you work to become a good leader and a good follower. In this and future versions of the Squadron Newsletter I will take a leadership trait, define it and give an example of how to use it in your daily life.

Judgement is your ability to think about things clearly, calmly, and in an orderly fashion so that you can make sound decisions.

A good way to apply this is to approach problems with a common sense attitude. Avoid making rash, spur of the moment decisions. Your experience and listening to the experience of others will assist you in making a decision.

Fide et Fortitudine,

SgtMaj Shaw





A word from the....October 2010

15th MEU DET OIC

15th MEU Tomcat Families,

I hope this update finds all of you well. As I type this, we've been on the ship for 5 months (most of that time at sea), and have about 2 to go. We finally made it into a well deserved port call in the United Arab Emirates and spent 8 days getting our land legs back while the ship underwent repairs. From golf, to camel rides and dune surfing, visits to the mall, and nightly "relaxation", a good time was had by all. We eventually made it back out to sea and are now completing flight operations in OEF and Pakistan.

Shortly, we will begin the easterly journey home. By my next update we will hopefully be lucky enough to have stopped in a couple of other ports and be only a few weeks out from our return. Due to operational security, that date cannot be released in an open forum but please know that as soon as it can, I will ensure the squadron and Karen Trimble are informed.

As always, thank you again for all of your support back home. Please ensure any final mail items are sent by the 10th of November or it will not likely make it. If possible, I ask you try and attend the Tomcat squadron Birthday Ball; we need some 15th MEU representation!

Semper Fi,

LtCol Fails

15th MEU



5K Fun Runs



Oct 29th- Halloween 5K Fun Run
@ Station Gym- 0600-0700

Nov 9th- SgtMaj 5K Fun Run
@Station Gym- 0600-0700

VMA-311 & MAG-13 BALL

Date: November 10th
Cocktail hour: 1800
Ceremony: 1900

Tomcat Fall Events...

October 28th- Story time @ Barnes & Noble's
(Halloween Themed) 1800-1900.

November 6th- 15th MEU Banner Making Party
Open House @ the Community Center from 0900-
1400.

November 10th- VMA-311 & MAG-13 Ball.

November 13th – 15th MEU Glam Gala @ MCAS
Miramar.

November 19th- 15th MEU Return & Reunion Brief
@ BLDG 598 from 1800-1930. Preregister with
MCFTB for Child care & Kids workshop at #269-6550

November 24th- MAG Turkey Bowl @ field 425
from 0900- 1500.

December 1st- 1st Annual Tomcat Heritage Day

December 9th- Change of Command

December 16th- Tomcat Holiday Party

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October Promotions *Congratulations!*



Sgt Love, L
Sgt Smith, W
Sgt Thayer, R
Sgt Williams, C



Cpl Green, C
Cpl Miller, J



LCpl Dysinger, B
LCpl Segura, B

Upcoming Events for the... *Single Marine Program*

SMP Trips

Martinez Lake Trip- Nov 6th
Vegas Trip- Dec 10th-12th
Call 269-5794 for more details.

SMP Recreation Center

Bldg. T-922 | Phone: **(928) 269-5794**

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday: 11:00am - Midnight
Fri thru Sun: 11:00am - 11:00pm
Holiday Hours: 1:00pm - 11:00pm

Tournaments

Every Monday @ 1730: Modern Warfare II
Every Tuesday - Ping-Pong Tournament @ 6:00pm
Every Thursday - Pool Tournament @ 7:00pm
Sign up at Rec. Center

Available Rooms

Movie Room (50" Movie TV), Xbox Room (2 Xbox Gaming Systems), PS3 Room, Wii Room, Study Room, Pool Table, Poker Table, and Ping Pong Table.

Volunteer Opportunities

Nov 4th - Book Fair 1700-1900 @ Palmcroft

Nov 5th - Helping Hands 0700-1430

Nov 12th - Yuma Food Bank 0700-1100

Nov 13th - Human Society 0730-1330

MCFTB & Family Services.... *Workshops, Trainings, & more*

Below are descriptions of a few of the programs that Marine Corps Family Team Building Supports. If you are interested in learning more about upcoming workshops and trainings that fall into each of these categories, their phone number is #928-269-6550. Don't forget that childcare is provided if you pre-register!

Readiness and Deployment Support Readiness & Deployment Support Programs provide classes and briefs designed to educate, build resiliency, and support Marines and families, including children, before, during, and after deployments.

Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) This essential "Marine Corps 101" class is offered for Marines, Spouses, Couples, Kids (6+), and Tweens/Teens. L.I.N.K.S. covers topics such as deployments, finances, local and on-base resources, and Marine Corps customs and traditions. This is the perfect class for those new to the Marine Corps, new to Yuma, or those needing a refresher on the ever-changing Marine Corps. There is something for everyone!

LifeSkills These classes offer opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well for developing practical life competencies. New classes appear monthly so check our schedule to find a workshop that interests you.

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) PREP provides engaged or newly married couples with tools to enhance their communication and problem-solving skills; tools that are key for a lasting, healthy marriage. Taught by Yuma Chaplains monthly.

Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) CREDO retreats help people grow personally and spiritually. Various retreats are available from Marriage Enrichment to Family Building.

October MCFTB Newsletter:
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs037/1101962291470/archive/1103749847190.html>

Tomcat Youth News

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Library Family Night- Oct 26th-1800-1900 @ Station Library, call #269-2785 for more information.

Tomcat Story Time- Oct 28th- 1800-1900 @ Barnes & Noble's, call #269-6137 for more information.

Trunk or Treat- Oct 30th- 1500-1800 @ CDC Parking Lot, call #269-2350 for more information.

LINKS for Kids- Nov 4th-1445-1600 @ Community Center, call #269-6550 for more information.

USMC Birthday Bash for Kids- Nov 8th-1300-1400 @ Community Center, call #269-6550 for more information.

Tomcat Paintball Tournament

1st Place: Junior Officers

2nd Place: Power Line

3rd Place: Quality Assurance



MCAS Yuma movie Schedule

Oct 26th- Going the Distance 7pm
Oct 27th- The Expendables 7pm
Oct 28th- Machete 7pm
Oct 29th- The Last Exorcism 6pm & The American 9pm
Oct 30th- Takers 4pm & Resident Evil: Afterlife 7pm
Oct 31st- The Last Exorcism 5pm
Nov 1st- Going the Distance 7pm
Nov 2nd- The Expendables 7pm
Nov 3rd- Machete 7pm
Nov 4th- Resident Evil: Afterlife 7pm